



MARRIED . . . Mrs. Richard M. Rojo, the former Mary Jo DeWitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy DeWitt of 2307 Ca-brillo ave., a recent bride.

St. Michael's Catholic church in Los Angeles was the setting for the marriage of Miss Mary Jo DeWitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy DeWitt, Torrance, and Richard M. Rojo, son of Mrs. Florence Rojo, of Los Angeles. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Glen A. Radmacher.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attractively attired in an aqua suit with white accessories and carried an orchid on a white prayer book. Richard M. Rojo, son of Mrs. Florence Rojo, of Los Angeles. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Glen A. Radmacher.

Miss Dorothy Marie DeWitt and Miss Patricia Moore poured Mrs. DeWitt received her guests in navy blue with white accessories, wearing a gardenia corsage. Mrs. Rojo wore a gray suit with pink accessories and gardenia corsage.

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Letters to Editor

1211 El Prado Editor, Torrance Herald: I would like to write a letter to each of the officials (civil or otherwise) responsible for the July 4th celebration. I don't know them all, or any of them for that matter, so I've chosen this way to reach them. I want to congratulate them on their interpretation of Independence Day. We celebrate freedom from tyranny, unjust taxation and, in one instance, forced buying. This year had more to be happy about than ever before. Men, women and children celebrated the day, but how could little boys and girls have any fun? Fireworks are too dangerous so their parents wouldn't allow them to have any. I'm sure they would have enjoyed a public display, however small.

On the morning of the parade I saw a good number of men selling balloons and that is what I want to congratulate the officials about, giving those "chiselers" freedom of the streets to sell balloons to little boys and girls for fifty and seventy-five cents each. Next year, if you will provide me with the necessary materials, I will sell balloons at cost so the kids can buy one and still have a nickel or dime left over for some ice cream later in the day.

Make money on the grown-ups but give the kids a break! Sincerely, P. MACKEY.

bride's brother, Guy W. DeWitt. Fifty guests attended the reception held at the home of the bride's parents where the rooms were beautifully decorated with gladioli and sweet peas in pastel colors. A decorated four-tiered wedding cake formed the centerpiece on the table where Miss Dorothy Marie DeWitt and Miss Patricia Moore poured.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

About Your Schools

(Continued from Page 1-A) benefit by adoption of the City Charter? ANSWER: Perry school would be renovated and modernized, and necessary buildings constructed without necessity of a bond issue. Perry school would join in the community spirit and enterprise provided by the establishment of a Torrance school district and the inter-school activity possible thereunder. QUESTION: What type of transportation would students have to get to and from schools?

ANSWER: Where Torrance municipal buses are not available, on a contract basis, the Torrance City school district would operate its own school buses, just as other school districts do. QUESTION: I hear that if the City Charter is voted on Aug. 20, the Los Angeles school teachers will quit Torrance schools and go to work elsewhere in the system, leaving Torrance without teachers. Is that true?

ANSWER: Absolutely not. That is just a sample of vicious rumor being circulated by those seeking to keep Torrance schools under the thumb of Los Angeles city schools. The Los Angeles City Board of Education is bound by the Education Code of California to continue to maintain Torrance schools until Torrance is ready to take over controls. We hope that this will come about in September of 1947.

QUESTION: My son is of a high scholastic standing in Torrance high school, and he has one year to go. If the City Charter is voted August 20, will he lose his scholastic standing and chance to go on to college? ANSWER: Since your son has been able to keep up his end of the deal, we are quite sure that the teachers at Torrance high school will not let him down. We have many fine teachers at Torrance high school, and despite rumors and pension benefits, many no doubt will desire to remain in Torrance rather than with the Los Angeles city school system.

QUESTION: Will our children have better recreation facilities under the Torrance City school system provided by the City Charter? ANSWER: That is one of the most important points on our campaign. The schools and city recreation departments can formulate joint programs such as are working so successfully in Long Beach, Santa Barbara, Pasadena and other cities. Where Los Angeles schools will not work with the city recreation department in a joint program, a well-rounded plan for the children and adults of Torrance will grow out of operation of our own school system.

QUESTION: What can we do to separate the young seventh graders, 11 and 12 years of age, from the juniors and seniors of school system? ANSWER: One of the first objectives of the new system will be to build a separate senior high school, complete with all necessary vocational and industrial shops, athletic facilities, gymnasiums, laboratories, music department and other things lacking in Torrance. The present high school could be used as a junior high school.

QUESTION: Why is it that my son can go out and play hand ball during the time when he is supposed to be in machine shop at Torrance high school? ANSWER: Probably because the shops are inadequate to provide a program to keep your son busy. This will be overcome under the Torrance city school system.

QUESTION: We live in Hollywood Riviera, and our children go to the elementary school at Palos Verdes and the high school at Redondo Beach. Will it be possible for them to continue to attend those schools? ANSWER: Yes, until Torrance can provide a new elementary school for that section. When the new high school is built, all the students of Torrance, including those from Waveria going to Narbonne, Hollywood Riviera attending Redondo Union, and North Torrance attending Gardena and Redondo school will transfer to attend the new Torrance high school, and transportation will be provided for all. However, a contract between Torrance City School Board and Redondo Union High School Board will provide for continued attendance of the Hollywood Riviera students at the beach school, and a similar contract with Palos Verdes will continue the attendance of elementary children at that school, until the new ones are built.

QUESTION: Someone told us that if the City Charter carries, Perry school will be closed. Certainly that is not true? ANSWER: Certainly not. In fact, Perry school will be modernized and a new addition constructed. It will be a very important part of the Torrance elementary system.

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OBITUARY

JOHN FRANKLIN HILL

Services for John Franklin Hill, 18, who died Saturday in the U.S. Naval hospital, Oakland, were conducted yesterday by the Rev. C. M. Northrup in the Stone and Myers chapel. A graduate of Torrance high school with the winter class of 1946, Hill enlisted in the Navy shortly thereafter. He had attained the rating of carpenter's mate 3/c prior to his death. The youthful seaman was a native of Torrance and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onnie Hill and sister, Virginia, residing at 1327 Annapola ave. Interment was in the Roosevelt Memorial park.

MAGGIE SAVAGE

Rosary for Mrs. Maggie Savage was read in the Stone and Myers chapel Sunday evening followed by Mass Monday morning in the Church of the Nativity. The Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness officiated. Mrs. Savage was born in Montavillo, Ala., March 10, 1872, died July 13 at her home, 21502 Denker ave. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Clara McGarry and Miss Anne Savage of the Denker ave. address; and Mrs. Mary Oradell, New Jersey; also two grandchildren, Marguerite and Patrick McGarry. Interment was in the Holy Cross cemetery.

COUNCIL OKAYS STROH'S REQUEST FOR TWO NEW CARS

Chief of Police John Stroh will get two new cars for the Tuesday night, the City Council authorized City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to advertise for bids on the vehicles.

Machinery For Elections Fixed By City Council

(Continued from Page 1-A) to be the last year we have to 'donate' to Los Angeles funds needed for our own children in Torrance.

The bond issue, divided into seven propositions, will provide: 1. Trunk sanitary sewers in North Torrance, South Torrance, Waveria and Hollywood Riviera, to be built with partly state aid. 2. Storm drains. 3. Central and Waveria fire Stations. 4. New police station, court building and jail. 5. Street improvements in North Torrance, South Torrance, Central Torrance and Waveria. 6. A recreation program including Waveria recreation building, central building, ball park stadium, swimming pool. 7. Water trunk line to Hollywood Riviera. These propositions in the bond election are to provide necessary improvements for a growing city, it was pointed out, and should have full support of the people.

BOYS CLUB BUS REQUEST REFERRED TO DALE RILEY

The request of Torrance Boys club leaders for use of a city bus to take members to swimming lessons in Long Beach and to athletic events was referred by the City Council Tuesday night to Dale Riley, recreation superintendent. L. I. Wagner, president, said that the club would agree to rotate in making the hauls without pay. Some 300 boys are in the club, he said.

School Teachers Get New Raise In Salaries

Los Angeles city elementary, high school and junior college teachers yesterday were voted an additional 5 1/2 percent increase in salaries for the 1946-47 school year, bringing total increases for next year to 16 percent.

Torrance, now a part of the Los Angeles school system, will pay its share of the increase. The City Board of Education unanimously voted to include a "third step" in salary increases in the new school budget, tentatively adopted this month and up for final adoption in August after a public hearing.

The increase voted yesterday adds approximately \$2,600,000 to the tentatively approved budget, which already provided for pay increases totaling \$4,900,000. The total salary boosts thus amounts to about \$7,500,000. Proposed and current minimum and proposed and current maximum annual pay in each bracket follow: Elementary, minimum, \$2310, \$1900, \$410 increase; maximum, \$3660, \$2980, \$680 increase; high school, minimum, \$2560, \$2100, \$460 increase; maximum, \$4060, \$3740, \$390 increase; junior college, minimum, \$2880, \$2430, \$400; maximum, \$4510, \$3850, \$660 increase.

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L.A. School Tax Rate Jump Costly To Torrance (Continued from Page 1-A) for succeeding years on Aug. 20, when the voters of Torrance adopt the City Charter which provides for the setting up of a Torrance Board of Education to administer the schools of Torrance. Not only will Torrance have the advantage of the whole \$700,000 a year, but it will have finer schools and still save the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. The tax rate will be cut materially as a pay-as-you-go building program is carried out. When Torrance parents two years ago first voiced their protest against Los Angeles "taking" \$2 for each \$1 spent in Torrance, the total amount raised in and on behalf of Torrance schools was only approximately \$500,000 a year, with about \$300,000 of that figure spent here. The figure grew materially in the following budget, and this year the estimated \$698,338 is contemplated to be raised in or on behalf of Torrance, with only about \$350,000 to be spent here. Next year, if the state constitutional amendment passes at the November election raising school support to \$120 per average daily attendance, the total "take" from Torrance taxpayers and Torrance share of state school support would be nearly \$800,000. And the Los Angeles schools contemplate no additional expenditures here, so the total net gain from Torrance at

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